

NEWSLETTER

Term 2
May 4th, 2016

Exceptional Educational Experiences

DATES TO REMEMBER

Naplan (Gr 3 & 5)	Tues 10 th – Thur 12 th May
PB Aths practice @ Whitfield	11:30-2:30 Fri 6 th May
Personal Best Athletics – Wangaratta	Tues 17 th May
Fundraiser 'Sal Kimber' – Cheshunt Hall	Sat 21 st May
Bike Ed	Mon 30 th May – Fri 3 rd June
QUEENS B'DAY public holiday	Mon 13 th June
Pupil Free Day	Tues 14 th June
End of Term	Fri 24 th June

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council is on Tuesday 17th May at 7pm.

HOT LUNCHES are back!

Thank you to Lindy and Sarah H for the delicious hamburgers and sticky date pudding, as well Rach and Carla for the tasty lasagne and Sandy for the ice cream sundae treats.



Remember, you can bring a receipt and claim back expenses for providing the hot lunch. Just bring the receipt to Mark or Pam in the office.

HOME READING



Congratulations 25 nights home reading.

Reuben, Ollie, Delilah, Corrie

Congratulations 50 nights home reading.

Vera, Toria, Amilie, Bella, Cheniqua, Daphne

Congratulations 75 nights home reading!

Emily, Inanay, Normie, Darcy, Wirra, Kalika, Charlotte R, Summer, Xander

Well done to these students (and parents!)



Literacy corner

SPACE

Moon Diary; and no, it is not a personal diary that that the moon writes. Every night we try and look for the moon and write the shape of it down. Lately because the moon is waning it is very hard to see at night but easy to see in the morning which is annoying because I usually forget. Soon when the moon decides to start waxing again I will see it more often which will be awesome. Learning about space this term is great! By Viveka



SPACE

Our integrated studies have been jam packed. We've been studying the moons phases. It's incredibly amazing how the moon moves around the earth. SO FAR, we've learnt that the moon doesn't grow then shrink to nothing, as some people think it does. It actually reflects the suns light and as it orbits the earth we see more of the moon until it is full. Then less of the moon until a new moon. This is called waxing (when we see more of the moon) and waning (when we see less of the moon). By Tom

'THUMBS UP' AWARD

The Principal's 'Thumbs Up' Award recipients are students that have been seen doing great things at our school. The latest recipients are:

Casey: For persisting when reading about the Sun, even when words were tricky.

Zoi: For being hardworking and always finishing her work beautifully.

Summer: For a great Home Reading record that has a range of insightful and interesting comments each night.



Matilda

The other day Matilda was amazing. It was amazing because the songs are good and the sets were great. After the half way part (intermission) Mr Wormwood said "do not do anything on the show so far especially reading!" It was amazingly weird. After that Lavender came and started to tell us what was about to happen in the next part. She would say a bit but then stop and say "I don't want to spoil the show." But she kept telling us more. And finally newt in Miss Trunchbull's jug of water. By Cope.

Matilda

When it was time for Matilda I was that excited. The best part was when Matilda was telling Mrs Phelps a story. Matilda's story was about an escapologist a man who was in a cage, and a woman who was a trapeze artist on fire. The man had to unlock his chains himself and catch the lady. But the lady fell and died. This was my favourite part because Matilda kept telling the story a bit each day and because it isn't in the movie or in the book. By Darcy.



Matilda

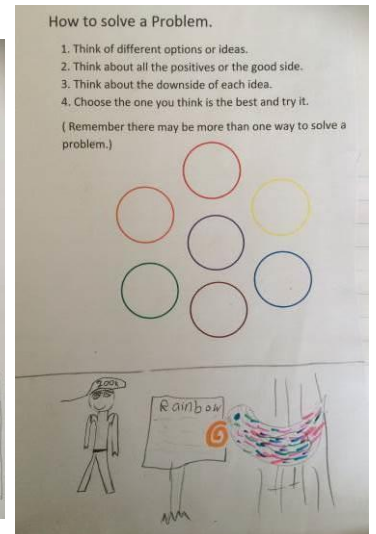
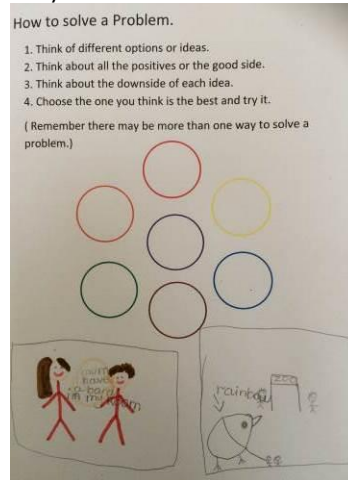
I found it amazingly awesome how the kids did gymnastics! They were kicking each other and pushing each other off the beam. When Miss Trunchbull did a front flip, it was MIND BLOWING! It was extraordinary when the lasers shot out of the wall and made a giant chokey. I jumped out of my seat when the confetti popped out of the walls. By Lachlan

Matilda

I like the chokey, it made me jump when the headmistress punched the button on and laser beams came out. Matilda was epic I loved it! By Paul

Emotional Literacy – A.L. (amazing literacy) Solving Problems.

We read a story about Dante and his bird. We were asked for lots of solutions. Then we talked about the pluses and minuses for each solution. Then we decided which was best. By Delilah & Toria



EVERY DAY COUNTS – school attendance

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Remember...

- *Phone the school **5729 8286**,
- *Phone or text the principal **0428 298 286**,
- *email whiffield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
- *or supply a note before or after the absence

CLUSTER MUSIC DAY

On Thursday all the cluster came together for Music Day. It was awesome. We split into groups: string, wood wind, brass and voice. They were an awesome experience and there were some really cool things. At the end of the classes the Wangaratta City Band and the Melbourne Orchestra did a concert. It sounded fantastic. There were clarinets, trumpets, trombones and a bassoon. They played a lot of songs. My favourite one was off The Sound of Music. The day was an amazing experience and heaps of fun.

By Charlotte



CLUSTER MUSIC DAY

On the 28th of April we had music day. We had three types of awesome instruments and voice. I chose voice for one of them. We did two songs they were 'step back baby step back'. I thought it was great because it reminded me of 'don't you know Yokamo'. The other one was 'wombat on a surfboard'. It was strange because the wombat was wearing sunglasses and thongs. It was all extraordinary, because it was all the 3-6 from each school coming together for it.
By Amilie.



BRASS WORKSHOP

Bill and Bob travelled from Melbourne whereas Rob came from Wang. All of them spectacular players playing brass with ease. We all marched up to the trumpets and slipped the mouth pieces in to the trumpet. And blew a raspberry (into the trumpet that is.) Honestly it didn't sound like much to begin with. Nobody really knew how to play, but then out of the blue one extraordinary moment everybody just played, oh what a feeling it was until... everybody ran out of breath. But really that was it but the whole brass work shop was enjoyable. Especially all raspberry blowing fails.
By Xander



Awesome Brass Instruments

The Brass instruments were amazing! We all got a go at playing them. We started by blowing into the mouthpiece it was quite hard but it was GREAT! To make a sound you have to blow a raspberry into the mouthpiece it would make a farting noise. We put the mouthpiece into the mouthpiece and blew extremely hard! Most people were not very good at it but got way better at it!

The sound that came out was EXTRAORDINARY!
I had a big round trumpet called a Euphonium but I couldn't get an EXTRAORDINARY sound out! By Edan.

Wind Instruments

Thursday we did a music cluster day it was awesome because I learnt what a bassoon is. There were four workshops but we only got to go to three of them. The workshops were string, wind, brass and voice. The person who did wind was Sally she had awesome instruments. There was an instrument that was like a clarinet but it was an **oboe** it is one of the coolest wind instruments I have seen! There was a massive instrument it was called a **bassoon** I was just taller than it. By Bella



STRINGS

I loved it! It was cool as doing strings because we did the Star Wars song which was cool because I love Star Wars and I got to have a go on the double bass. The chords were a' a' a' a' a' a' a' a' a' e and so on . It was so awesome. The ladies name was Bec and man's name was Alex.
By Angus



VOICE

On music cluster day, my mind was blown!!! I learnt some songs, "Step Back Baby, Step Back" and "The Wombat on the Surfboard." We did some warmups at the start and also did some actions to the songs! Julie ran it and it was amazing!!! I preferred the Wombat on the Surfboard better than Step Back Baby Step Back because that song got really, really irritating! It was an epic day and I loved it so much! By Summer.

Cluster Music Day - Strings

The double bass was huge. It was taller than me. One of the strings teachers is my gymnastics teacher. The double bass' animal is an elephant because it is so big. All instruments have an animal. By Wirra



Wind Instruments

Today we had a whole school music day, it was very exciting and there were 4 different workshops. I'm going to talk about the wind instrument workshop. Our teachers name was Sally and she had some amazing instruments there were 3 types of saxophones, 2 types of clarinet, a flute and a bassoon. Sally talked about the different sounds of all the instruments and if they had a high sound or a low sound and we were very surprised on some of the sounds the instruments made. We had an awesome band and most of the kids played recorder and some brought their own saxophones. We also played a game and whoever was as tall as the bassoon wins and of course I came last because I was so much taller than it. We had an awesome day and I am sad that that was my last music day. By Charlotte P.

THANK YOU! - King Valley Arts Show Committee for funding the whole day (including Rob Humphries from the committee who also was a presenter/musician). **Also a big 'Thank You' to our Parents Association for the BBQ for the 100+ people on the day.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free event – hosted by NERPSA (North East Regional Pre School Association)

AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL GROSE

Don't miss this amazing opportunity!



A trailblazer in the parenting education scene Michael is the founder of ParentingIdeas, Australia's leader in quality parenting education for parents and schools. Come and join us to share in his insights and ideas.

How to get more from your kids by doing less for them

The parenting pathway for a child's happiness and confidence is easier than we think. Parents since the dawn of time have always had one goal in mind when raising their children. Understand this goal and parenting suddenly gets a whole lot easier. In this fascinating presentation Michael shows parents how to be confident family leaders, able to develop real confidence, character, competence and creativity in kids. Michael will also discuss - the little known but important parenting mindset that leads to greater resilience in kids, how family size impacts on parenting, what real independence looks like and why you should speak less and act more when you want co-operation in kids. It will be fun, interactive and very enlightening!

Awesome! You wowed them again Michael!
Kath Brier, St Thomas PS, NSW

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Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre

7.30pm Wed 18 May 2016 • Bookings:

www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-michael-grose-tickets-23132196021

parentingideas.com.au

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www.whiffieldps.vic.edu.au



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